

Maryland State

Board of

Dental Examiners



GENERAL MISSION

- The Mission of the Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the citizens of Maryland and to promote quality health care in the field of dentistry

MISSION #1

- Licensing and regulating the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental radiation technology

MISSION #2

- Receiving and resolving complaints against licensees who may have violated the Dental Practice Act and its regulations

MISSION #3

- Setting standards for the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental radiation technologists that reflect new and emergent developments in the profession through regulations and legislation

VISION

- A State that provides citizens qualified dental care to further the good health and well-being of the citizens of Maryland



Board Member Composition

- 9 Dentists
- 4 Hygienists
- 3 Consumers



Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners

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Nomination and Balloting Process

Board Meetings

Open Session

Every first Wednesdays of the month

**Also third Wednesdays
from January to April during
the Legislative Session**

Closed Session

Every first and third Wednesdays

Dental Board Committees

- Discipline Review Committee
- Case Management Committee
- Dental Hygiene Committee
- Rules and Regulations Committee
- Legislation Committee
- Application Committee

Other Committees

- Bloodborne Pathogens Committee
- By-Laws Committee
- Case Resolution Conference Committee
- Anesthesia Evaluation Committee
- Emergency Response Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Scope of Practice Committee

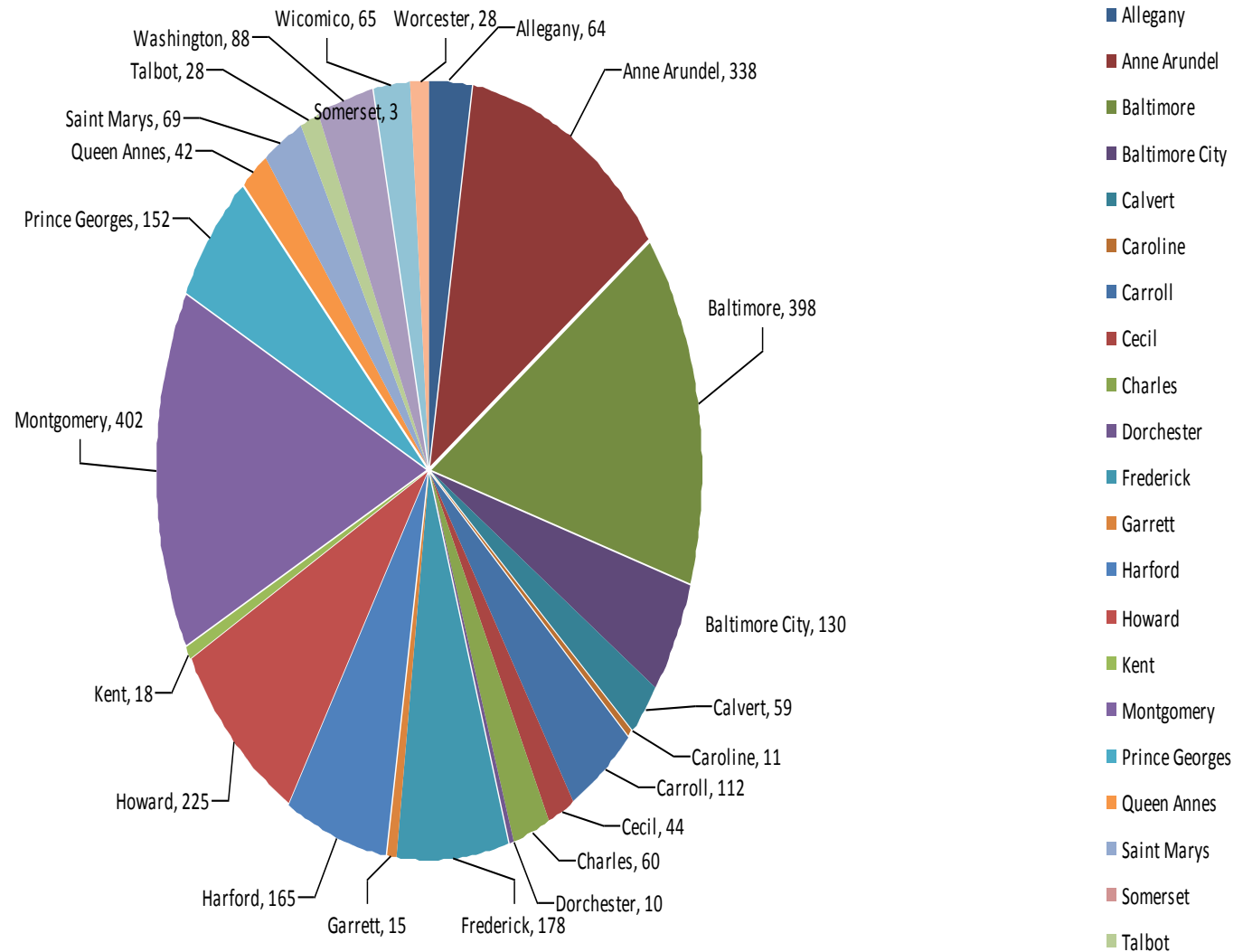
Where are
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licensed?





Dental Hygienists with Maryland Addresses

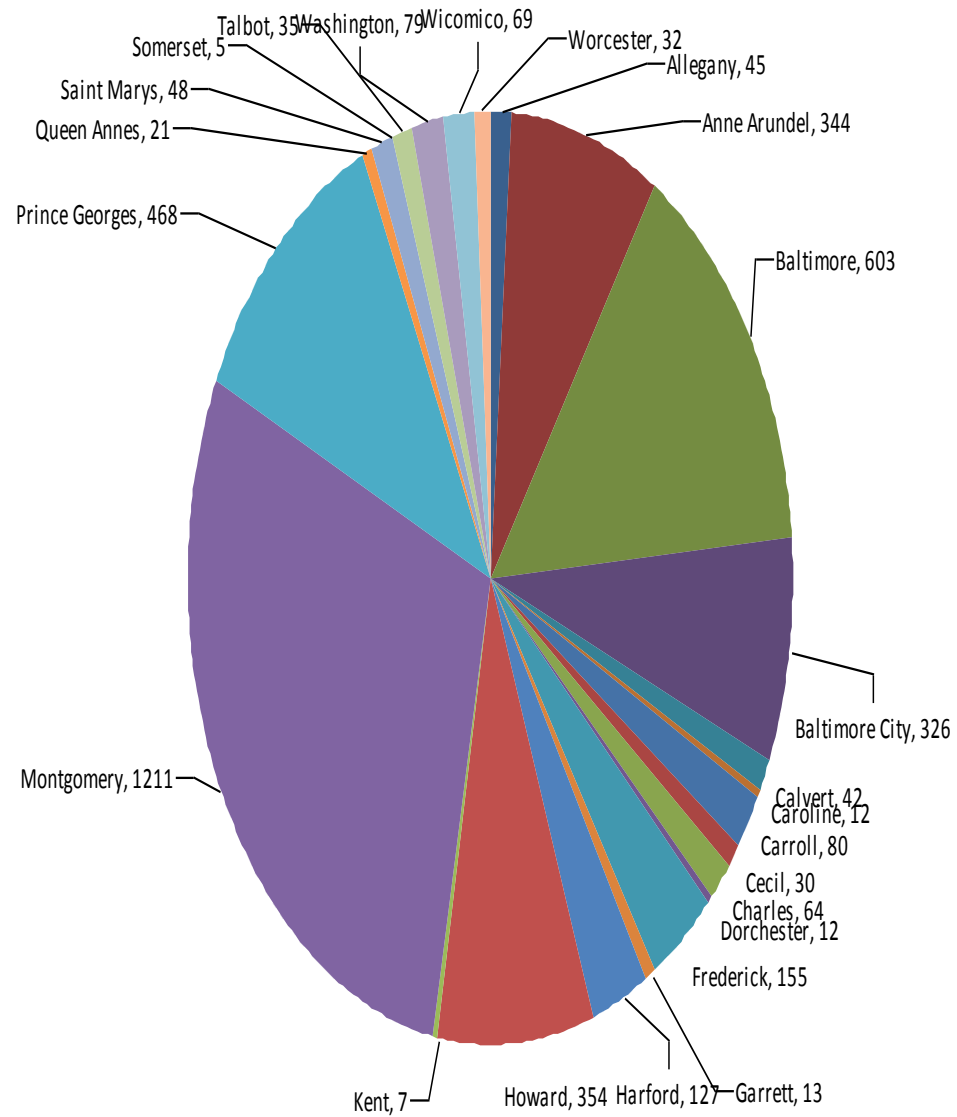
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Dentists with Maryland Addresses

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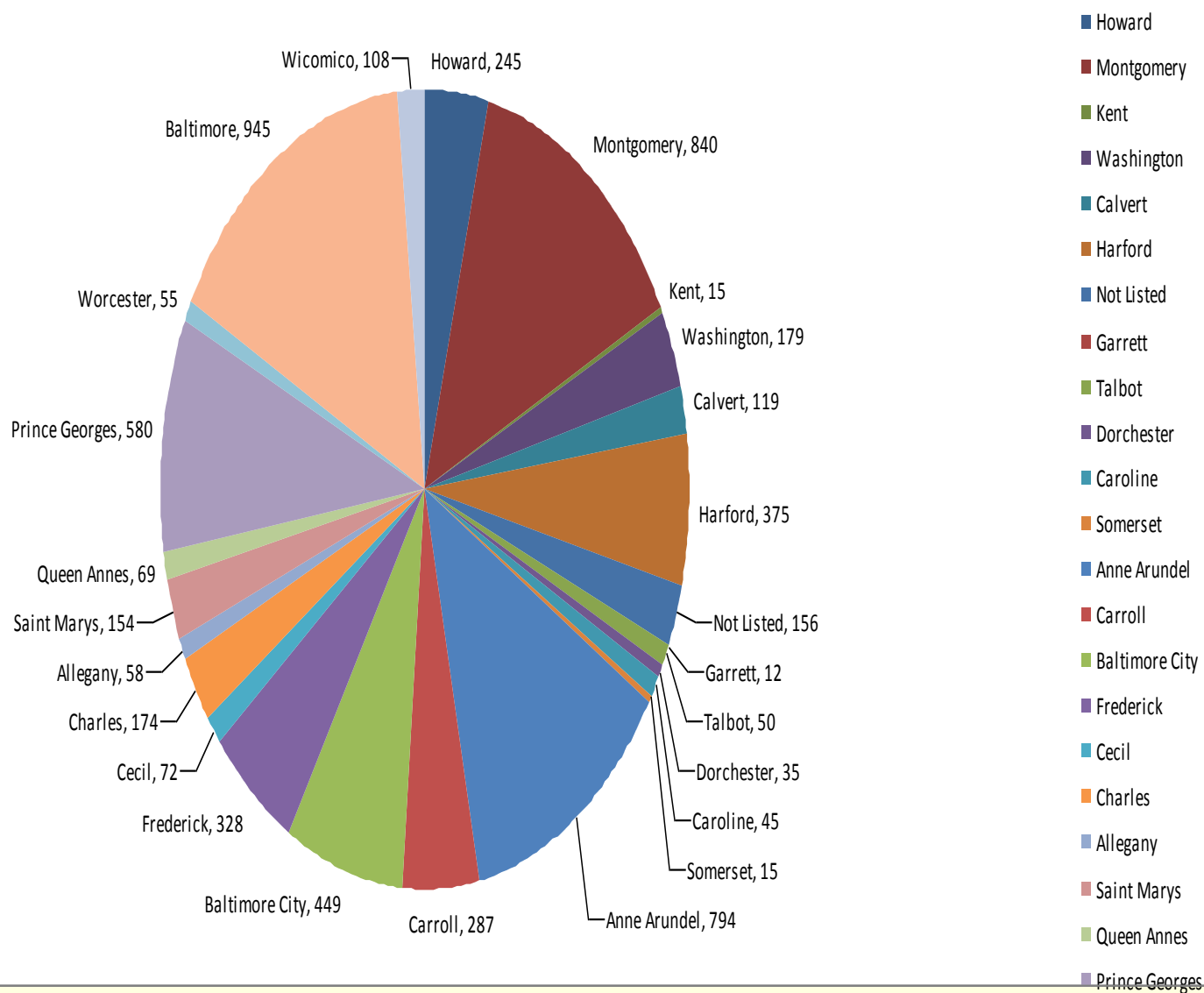


- Allegany
- Anne Arundel
- Baltimore
- Baltimore City
- Calvert
- Caroline
- Carroll
- Cecil
- Charles
- Dorchester
- Frederick
- Garrett
- Harford
- Howard
- Kent
- Montgomery
- Prince Georges
- Queen Annes
- Saint Marys
- Somerset
- Talbot



Dental Radiation Technologists with Maryland Addresses

As of April 1, 2012



Densest Population of Dentists and Hygienists

- Dentists : 29% Montgomery County
14% Baltimore County
11% Prince Georges County

- Hygienists: 15% Montgomery County
15% Baltimore County
13% Anne Arundel County



Counties With More Hygienists Than Dentists

- Allegany
- Calvert
- Carroll
- Cecil
- Frederick
- Garrett
- Harford
- Kent
- Queen Anne's
- St. Mary's
- Washington



Counties With More Dentists Than Hygienists

- Prince Georges County \Rightarrow 3 X more dentists
- Montgomery County \Rightarrow 3 X more dentists
- Baltimore City \Rightarrow 2.5 X more dentists

Licensing Distribution

- Hygienists with Maryland addresses : 2704
- Hygienists outside of Maryland: 560
- Total: 3264

- Dentists with Maryland addresses: 4182
- Dentists outside of Maryland: 940
- Total: 5122

- Radiation Technologists with Maryland addresses: 6159
- Radiation Technologists outside of Maryland: 590
- Total: 6749

Renewal of Dental and Hygiene Licenses

- May 1, 2012 - June 30, 2012
On-Line Renewal of License
- July 1, 2012 – July, 31, 2012
Late On-Line Renewal of License. Renewal fee plus late fee.
- August 1, 2012 and thereafter - Considered to be practicing without a license. Candidate must apply to reinstate license. Subject to informal or formal Board discipline.



Continuing Education Requirements to Renew a License

30 Continuing Education Hours Every Two Years

- 2 hours in infection control (*counts toward the required 30 hours*)
- 2 hours in abuse and neglect as it relates to Maryland law every other renewal cycle
- CPR certification (*does not count toward the required 30 hours*)

Time Frame and Audit

- For hygienists who renew this year, continuing education hours will be counted for the years of 2010 and 2011
- A random continuing education audit of licensees is conducted each October for those who are scheduled to renew their license by the following June 30th

Applying for an Extension

- Dentist and Hygienists who did not complete the required 30 hours may request a **six month extension**.
- The request for an extension must be in writing.
- A six month extension runs from January 1st to the June 30th expiration date of the license. A licensee cannot “Double Dip” continuing education hours for the subsequent renewal period.
- Remember continuing education courses must be Board-approved.

New Continuing Education Opportunities

Pro Bono Dental and Dental Hygiene Services

- 8 hours for pro bono work
 - Must provide pro bono care at a Board-approved program or a non-profit entity
- A licensee may provide pro bono services for continuing education credit at a dentists' office provided:
 - The patient is referred by a board-approved non-profit entity
 - The hygienist applies to the Board for approval and receives approval prior to treatment
 - The hygienist must work under the direction of a dentist

Cultural Competency

- 4 hours for Board-approved courses in cultural competency
- Defined as courses or programs that teach a defined set of values, principles, demonstrated behaviors, attitudes, policies, and structures that will increase a licensee's ability to work effectively in a cross-cultural manner

Formal and Informal Discipline

- Board's Disciplinary Functions are Complaint Generated
 - Case Closed
 - Letter of Education
 - Advisory Letter

- Consent Agreement for Late Renewal*
(pro bono hours and anonymous donation to a Board-approved non-profit entity)
 - Dental assistants = 10/\$100
 - Dental hygienists = 20/\$200
 - Dentists = 40/\$400

- Public Orders

*Licensee is subject to formal disciplinary action depending upon the length of time that they have practiced after their license has expired.

Discipline for Hygienists

- Hygienists with a Public Order
7 or .20% of dental hygienist licensees
- Hygienists with an open complaint
5 or 0.15% of dental hygienist licensees

Nitrous Oxide

- The Regulations are in the promulgation process and are subject to change
- Dentist must administer nitrous oxide and remain on premises
- Dentist may allow dental hygienists to monitor the patient which includes reducing the flow of nitrous oxide

Local Anesthesia

- HB 172 and SB 344 effective October 1, 2012
- Permits a dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia by inferior alveolar nerve block for the purpose of anesthetizing soft tissue to facilitate the performance of dental hygiene procedures



General Supervision – Private Dental Office

- Allows hygienists, under certain prescribed circumstances, to perform dental hygiene services in a private dental office without a dentist on the premises

THANK YOU !

